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Application No.: 10/615,762

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

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☐ Small entity-fee \$ 770<sup>00</sup> (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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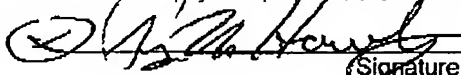
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RE: PATENT APPLICATION # 10/615,762  
TERRY M. HOWLEY "STATEMENT"

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